A past smeared with blood and hatred.

A plan to end it all begins.

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憂国のモリアーティ

MORIARTY THE PATRIOT

Based on the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
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The Man with the Golden Army Act1
黄金の軍隊を持つ男 第一幕

憂国のモリアーティ 3 (完)

CALCUTTA
BRITISH INDIA
ON FOREIGN SOIL, A LONE ENGLISHMAN...
I HAVE TO TELL WHITEHALL ...
THIS ...

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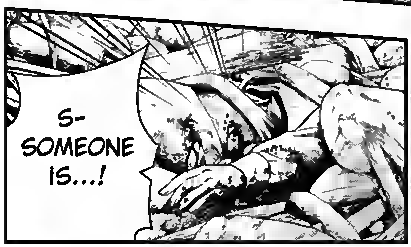

S-SOMEONE IS...!

IT'S DANGER-OUS! RUN! RUN!
KYAAH!

SOME-ONE, HELP US!!
A PERSON IS UNDER-NEATH!!
THIS WAY!! HURRY!!!

THE 19TH CENTURY

BRITAIN AND AFGHANISTAN ARE AT WAR OVER THE INDIAN TERRITORIES.

Afghanistan

Indian Empire

INDIA IS UNDER THE RULE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

ARABIAN SEA

BAY OF BENGAL

BUT BEHIND THIS IS THE BRITISH AND RUSSIAN EMPIRES' INTERTWINED AMBITIONS.

THIS FRONT HAD BECOME A PROXY WAR BETWEEN THE TWO EMPIRES.

AFTER MANY BATTLES, THE LINES MOVED TO THE MARSHES OF AFGHANISTAN —

LONDON
UNIVERSAL EXPORTS
A FRONT FOR MI6
UNIVERSAL EXPORTS
THIS IS FROM A MONTH AGO.
A SPY FROM MI5 DIED IN INDIA, IN CALCUTTA.
LIEUTENANT GILLIAN HARRIS. 27 YEARS OLD.
AS YOU KNOW, THE RUSSIAN ARMY IS SECRETLY SUPPORTING THE AFGHAN FORCES.
HE WAS FOLLOWING A LEAD ON THAT ARMS DEALER...
DIED ...
THAT IS, TO SAY, KILLED BY A RUSSIAN SPY?
THAT'S HOW WE SEE IT, TOO.

THIS IS ...

LOOKS LIKE THE RUSSIAN-MADE RIFLES THE AFGHAN TROOPS USE...

IT SEEMS HE FOUND SOME-THING.

AS PROOF, HE SENT THIS BACK TO US, JUST BEFORE HE DIED.

RIGHT.

HOWEVER, HE WOULDN'T HAVE SENT US ANY "ORDINARY" GUN.

...AND NOW THAT HARRIS IS DEAD, THIS IS OUR ONLY CLUE.

1853~1856
Crimean War

Russian Empire

Black Sea

Turkish Empire

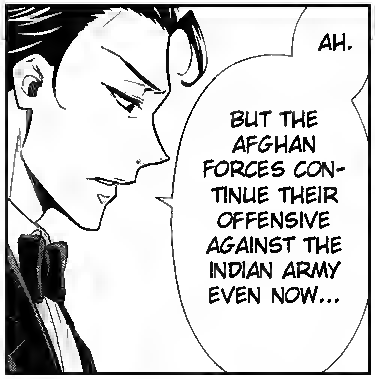
THAT AROSE FROM THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE'S FAILURE TO TAKE BACK THEIR WARM-WATER PORTS AFTER THE CRIMEAN WAR.

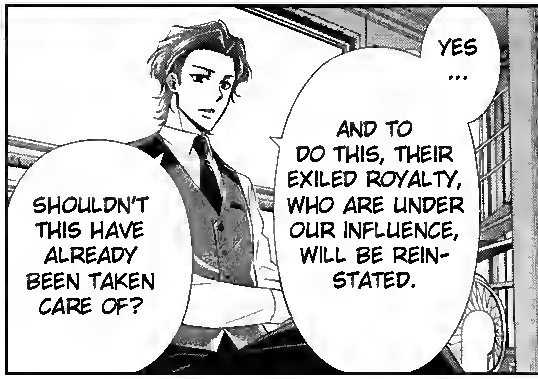
...THE ORIGIN OF THIS DISPUTE WE'VE HAD WITH AFGHANISTAN FOR YEARS IS RUSSIA'S STRATEGY OF SOUTHERN EXPANSION

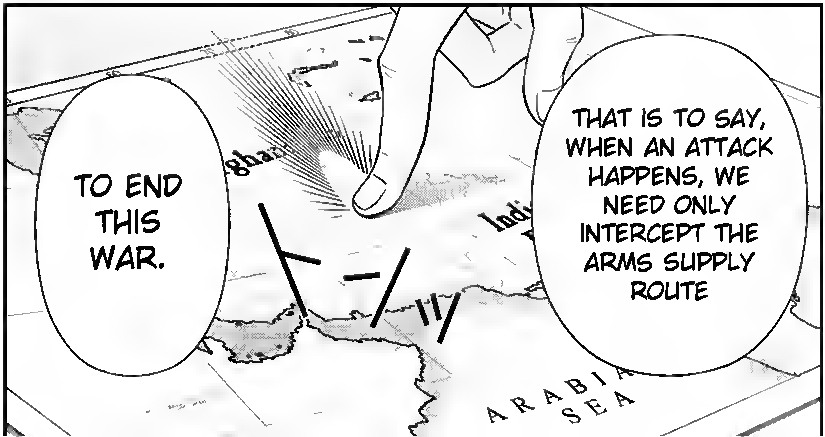
REGARDING THIS, WE WANT TO PUT AN END TO THIS WAR BY RECOGNISING AFGHANISTAN AS AN AUTONOMOUS BRITISH PROTECTED STATE.

THEY'VE ALLIED WITH AFGHANISTAN AS A PLAN TO INDIRECTLY TAKE CONTROL OF INDIA.

RUSSIA IS AVOIDING DECLARING WAR ON A MAJOR POWER SO IT WON'T GO DOWN THE SAME PATH AGAIN.







THAT'S RIGHT, 'M'.

THE FATE OF THE WORLD IS NOT DETERMINED BY A LARGE BATTLEFIELD, BUT BY A SMALL PLAYING FIELD.

...REGARDLESS OF THE BLOOD THAT WAS SHED,

WITH JUST ONE PIECE OF INFORMATION, THE ENTIRE SITUATION CAN BE CONTROLLED...

I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW MISSION.

YES-SIR.

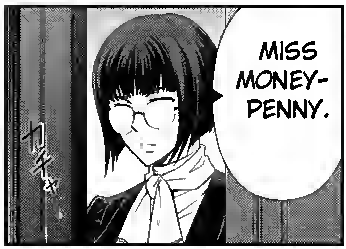
FIND THE REASON FOR HARRIS' DEATH, AND THE RUSSIAN ARMS DEALER'S ROUTE.

LET'S BRING THIS WAR TO AN END.

WE MUST NOT LIGHT THE FUSE TO A WAR WITH RUSSIA. EVEN BY MISTAKE.
AND —

IN CASE THE MASTER-MIND...
...DI-RECTOR,
IS A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON, DO WE HAVE PERMISSION TO EXTERMI-NATE HIM?

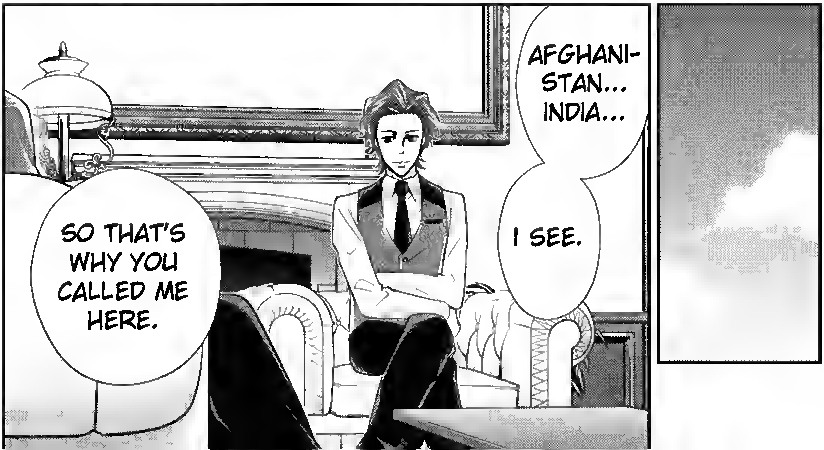
PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME.
MI6 EXISTS FOR THIS PURPOSE.
I'LL PRAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS, 'M'.


MISS MONEY-PENNY.

AS USUAL, THE STATE HAS NO HAND IN YOUR PLANS.
HOWEVER, FAILURE WILL NOT BE FOR-GIVEN...

MR. HOLMES IS LEAVING.

PLEASE SHOW HIM OUT.



I'M GLAD YOU CATCH ON FAST, COLONEL MORAN.

YOU HAVE SERVED IN THE AFGHAN WAR, AND ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE INDIAN TERRITORIES.

WHAT'S MORE, TO THE PUBLIC, YOU WERE KILLED IN ACTION.

THUS, EVEN IF YOU WERE TO FAIL AND DIE, BRITAIN COULD DENY ANY CONNECTION TO YOU.

EVEN IF YOU'VE GOT WILLIAM'S APPROVAL,

I'M NOT YOUR ERRAND BOY, ALBERT.

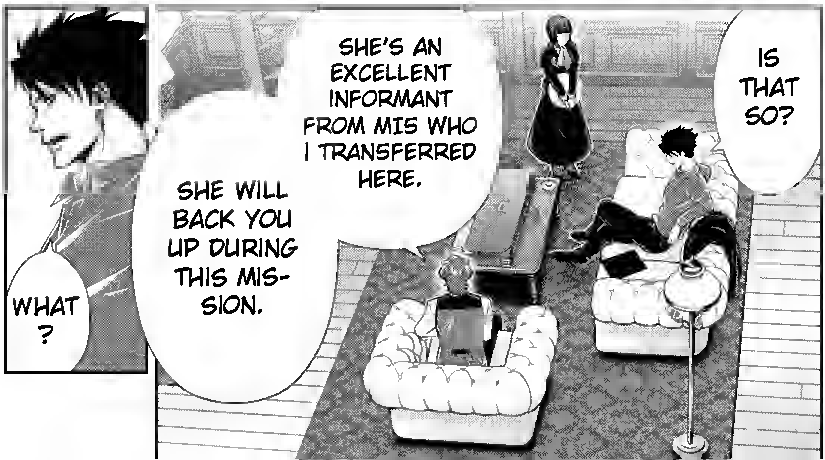
I KNOW THAT.

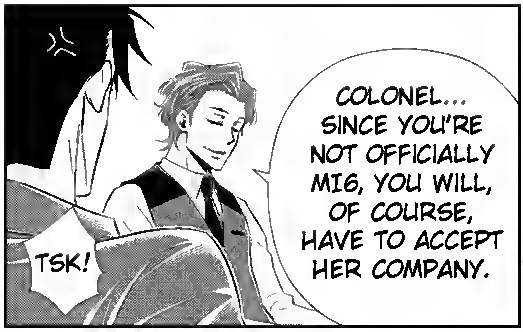
AND IT WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS IN WILLIAM'S PLAN IF YOU DIED.

WILLIAM WAS ALSO SAYING IT.

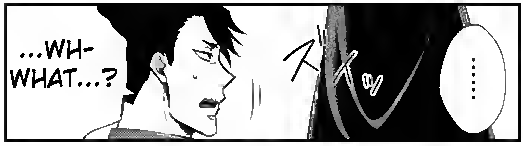
THAT YOU'RE RIGHT FOR THE JOB.

HEY ...
IS IT OKAY IF WE'RE HEARD
BY THIS GLOOMY WOMAN?
DON'T MIND.
MISS MONEYPENNY HAS ALSO SWORN HER LOYALTY TO WILLIAM.


IS THAT SO?
SHE'S AN EXCELLENT INFORMANT FROM MIS WHO I TRANSFERRED HERE.
SHE WILL BACK YOU UP DURING THIS MIS-SION.
WHAT ?


COLONEL... SINCE YOU'RE NOT OFFICIALLY MI6, YOU WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO ACCEPT HER COMPANY.
TSK!

I AM MONEYPENNY, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.
I DON'T NEED HELP. I'M FINE ALONE.


...WH-WHAT...?
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...I WON'T LET ANY MORE OF MY COMRADES DIE BY THE ENEMY'S HAND.

HARRIS WAS MY COLLEAGUE WHEN I WAS AT MI5.
HIS CHILD HAD JUST BEEN BORN ...

DO WHAT YOU WANT.
PLEASE LET ME ACCOMPANY YOU.
'Q'?
YOU MEAN HERDER? WHY DO YOU MAKE UP THESE WEIRD NAMES?
WELL, WE ARE, AFTER ALL, A SECRET ORGANISATION.
ANYWAY, LET'S START BY INVESTIGATING THE GUN HARRIS GAVE US.
RIGHT NOW, OUR 5 ELITE AGENTS ARE ALL OUT ON A MISSION...
WHICH MAKES YOU NUMBER 6 IN THIS...
ASK 'Q' TO ANALYSE IT.

DON'T YOU DARE MAKE ME A WEIRD NAME!
HA HA HA.

THE HELL IS THERE ON THE THAMES?
...WE'RE REACH-ING IT NOW.

WHAT KIND OF PLACE ARE WE IN?
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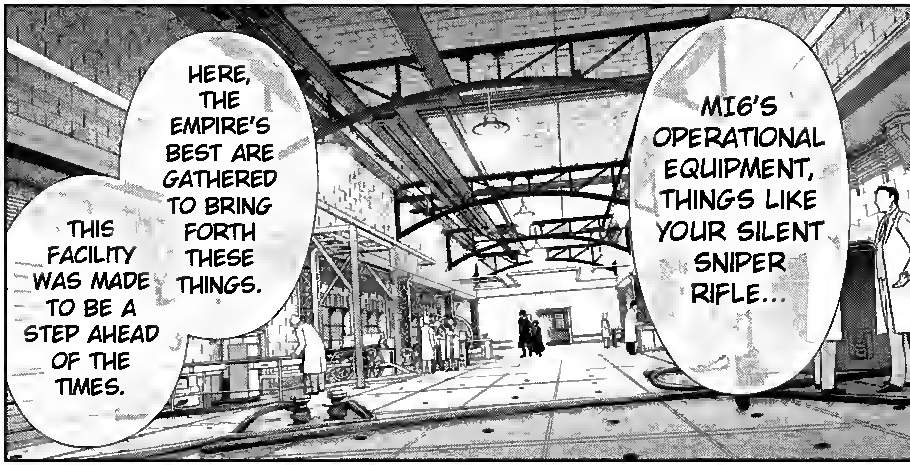
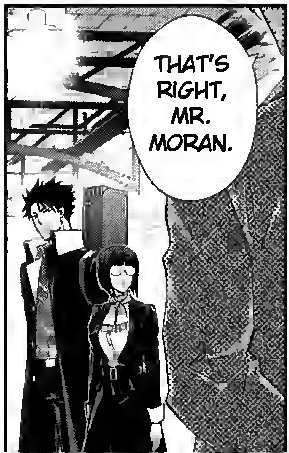
THIS WAY.
THIS IS 'Q''S LAB.





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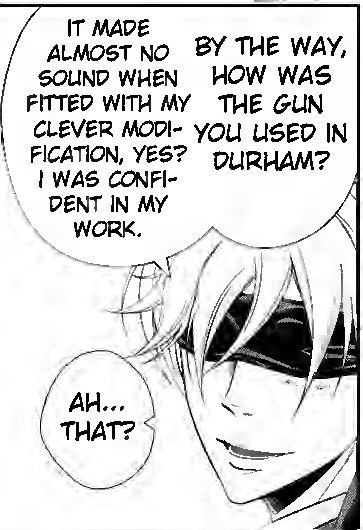
HEY, HERDER.
WELCOME. PLEASE CALL ME 'Q' WHILE ON MI6 BUSINESS.
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE MATTER FROM 'M'.
EVEN BACK HOME, IN GERMANY, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A SINGLE AUTOMATIC PISTOL.
THERE ARE SO MANY IDIOTS, IT'S TROUBLING.


IT MADE ALMOST NO SOUND WHEN FITTED WITH MY CLEVER MODIFICATION, YES? I WAS CONFIDENT IN MY WORK.
BY THE WAY, HOW WAS THE GUN YOU USED IN DURHAM?
AH... THAT?

YES, IT SHAKES BECAUSE OF THE UNDERGROUND,
BUT THE DARK DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
FU FU
SAVES US TROUBLE.
NICE NEW WORKSHOP, EH?

IT BROKE.
LOOKS LIKE I SHOT TOO FAST.
WHOOPS
EHH HHH ?!
WH- WHAT ARE YOU...! I TOLD YOU TO PUT IT ON FULL-AUTO RAPID-FIRE!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
AWFUL ...
NO... I DID IT BECAUSE WILLIAM TOLD ME TO "MAKE HIM DANCE".
DIDN'T REALISE.
YOU CAN'T "NOT RE-ALISE" !!
EVEN A CHILD WOULD UNDERSTAND SILENT MODE AND RAPID-FIRE CAN'T BE USED TOGETHER!
IF YOU DO IT AGAIN, I'LL KILL YOU!!
AHHHH... I WAS A FOOL...
NEXT TIME RAPID-FIRE HAS TO BE USED, I'LL USE AIR-GUN TECHNOLOGY... LET'S DO THAT.
UM... 'Q'... THIS...
AH! THE GUN IN QUES-TION...
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

I HEARD FROM 'M' THAT THIS GUN IS RUSSIAN-MADE, CORRECT?
YEAH... WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HARRIS GOT IT FROM, THOUGH.
IT'S THE AFGHAN ARMY'S STANDARD ISSUE.
... THAT'S STRANGE ...
... I SEE.
... WHAT?
... I WONDER WHAT IT MEANS.
IT MIGHT BE PROOF OF SOME-THING...
THIS GUN
IS BRITISH.
THERE ARE A LOT OF POSSIBILI-TIES.
THE CON-CLUSIVE EVIDENCE IS THIS.
A SCREW ...?

THE WOOD OF THE STOCK IS ENGLISH WALNUT, NOT BIRCH AS USED BY THE RUSSIANS.
PLUS, THE GREASE IS ALSO FROM HERE... THE SEAL IS SIMILAR, BUT DIFFERENT.
COM-PLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT RUSSIA USES.
THIS IS WHAT OUR COUNTRY IS USING, A ONE INCH SCREW.
...!?
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS...
YES.
AN AMATEUR WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH THE TWO.
HOWEVER, FOR A REPRO-DUCTION, IT HAS A HIGH DEGREE OF ACCURACY OVERALL.
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS.
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THIS IS AN ENGLISH COPY OF A RUSSIAN GUN.

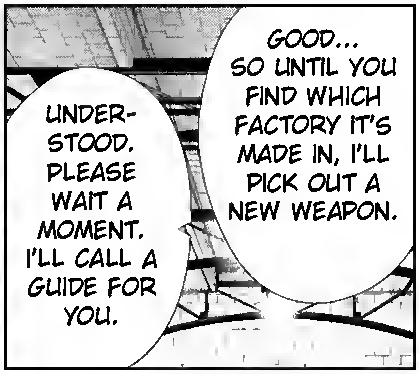
WHY ON EARTH IS THERE SUCH A THING?
HARRIS PROBABLY KNEW OF THE TRANSPORT ROUTE.
AND ALONG IT, HE FOUND OUT THIS GUN WAS FROM BRITAIN, AND SENT IT TO THE GOVERNMENT.
THIS IS STILL SPECULATION, BUT...
THE UPPER CLASS IS SUPPORTING THE AFGHAN ARMY BY PASSING THEMSELVES OFF AS RUSSIAN.
THERE ARE SCUM WHO DON'T WANT THE WAR TO END.
USING THESE THINGS.
...!
WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT, MEDICINE...
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL PROFIT FROM THE WAR AS LONG AS IT CONTINUES...
SO YOU'RE SAYING...

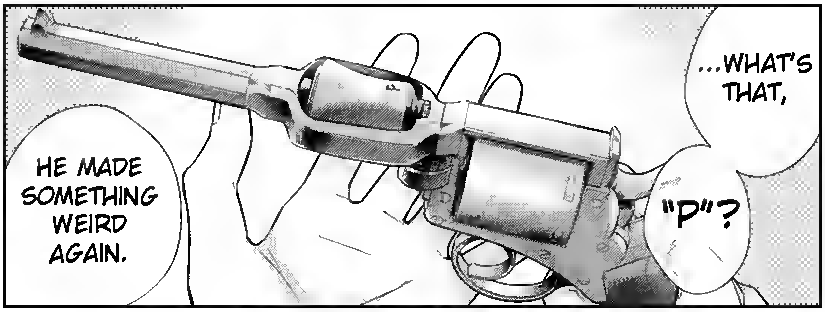
HE WASN'T KILLED BY THE ENEMY. HE WAS KILLED BY ONE OF US...
...IS THAT IT...?
AND TO VERIFY THAT IS ALSO OUR JOB.

I HAVE SOME SUSPECTS NOW, BUT I NEED FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO NARROW THEM DOWN.
INDEED, THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN MASS-PRODUCED.
I KNOW EVERYONE WHO MAKES GUNS HERE IN ENGLAND.

.....
HERDER, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THE SUP-PLIER OF THIS GUN IS?
I SAID, CALL ME 'Q' HERE...
OH, FORGET IT

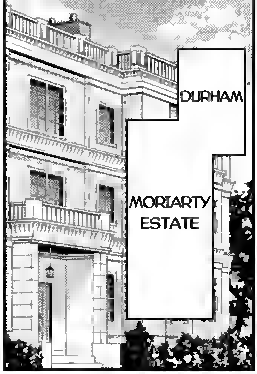
OH... IS THIS THE NEW MASTER-PIECE?


GOOD... SO UNTIL YOU FIND WHICH FACTORY IT'S MADE IN, I'LL PICK OUT A NEW WEAPON.
UNDER-STOOD. PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT. I'LL CALL A GUIDE FOR YOU.


...WHAT'S THAT,
"P"?
HE MADE SOMETHING WEIRD AGAIN.

WE'LL GET IN TROUBLE IF YOU TAKE THINGS AS YOU PLEASE!
I'M IN CHARGE OF THIS FACILITY'S... PARTICULARLY THE WEAPONS 'Q' DEVELOPED!
ISN'T IT CONVE-NIENT, THEN?

I GUESS I'LL TAKE IT.
YOU MUSTN'T, COLONEL!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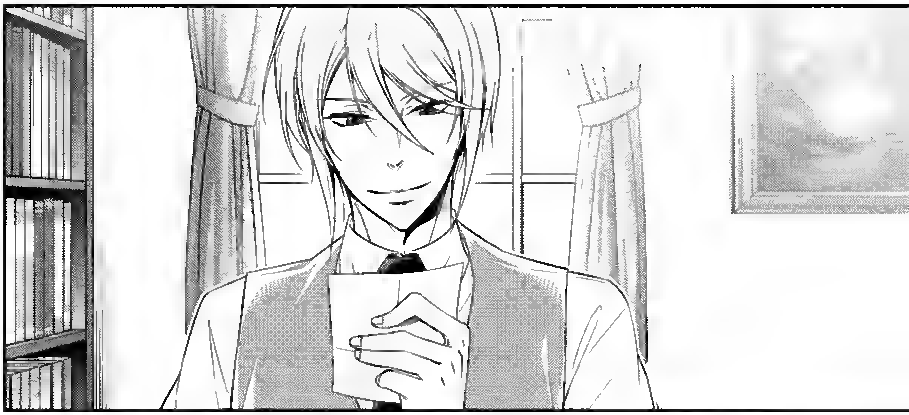
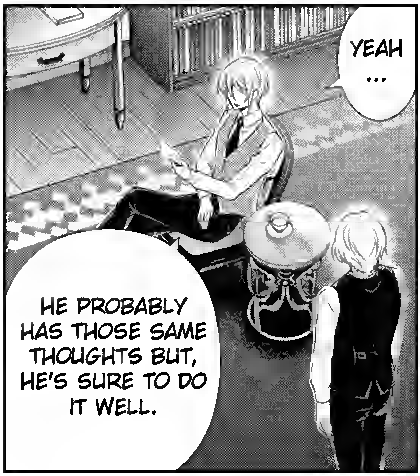
YOU CAN FILE A REQUEST AFTER I'VE USED IT.
EHHH!
YOU SHOULD BE READY TO COPE WITH THIS MUCH IF YOU'RE TEAMING UP WITH ME.




YEAH ...
HE PROBABLY HAS THOSE SAME THOUGHTS BUT, HE'S SURE TO DO IT WELL.

THIS REQUEST FROM BROTHER ALBERT...
CAN WE REALLY LEAVE IT TO MR. MORAN ALONE?

THAT'S NOT IT.

WITH THE WAR OVER, THE PEOPLE WILL TURN BACK TO DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

THE CONTINUATION OF WARS IS ALSO ONE OF THE REASONS THE CLASS SYSTEM IS STILL IN PLACE.

I'M SURPISED YOU APPROVED.

I DON'T SEE HOW THIS MATTER IS CONNECTED TO YOUR PLAN.

THAT'S HOW I SEE IT...

ABOVE ALL, AS FAR AS MORAN IS CONCERNED, THIS MATTER WILL CERTAINLY ADD FUEL TO HIS FIRE.

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"HENRY & AGEE" FACTORY

TO IDENTIFY THE FACTORY FROM THE GUN'S PARTS...

NOW THEN... IF IT'S AN ILLEGAL FACTORY, IT MAKES THINGS EASIER.

HE'S OBSESSED WITH WEAPONS.

BUT... 'Q' NEVER FAILED US.

EVERYONE MAKES THE 'RIFLING' GROOVES DIFFERENTLY, WHICH MAKES IT EASY TO KNOW FROM WHICH FACTORY IT'S FROM.

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO JUMP?

THAT'S ONLY IF WE CAN.

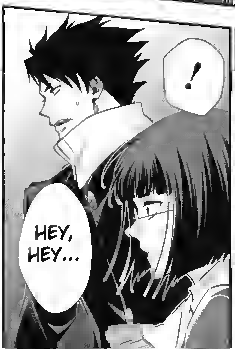
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IF THIS FACTORY IS MADE TO COPY RUSSIAN WEAPONRY,

WHATEVER HAPPENS HERE, NO ONE WILL CLAIM OWNERSHIP OVER IT.

...LET'S DO IT.

COME ON.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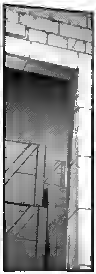
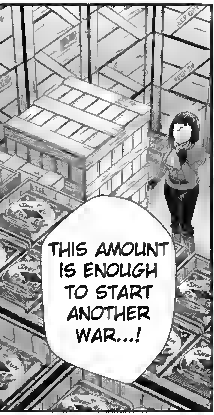
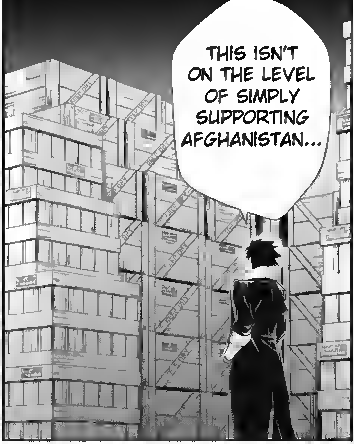



THIS AMOUNT IS ENOUGH TO START ANOTHER WAR...!


THIS ISN'T ON THE LEVEL OF SIMPLY SUPPORTING AFGHANISTAN...

THESE ARE ALL THE SAME KIND OF GUN AS THE ONE SENT BY HARRIS...!
THERE SHOULD BE A TRANSPORTATION RECORD SOMEWHERE LET'S LOOK FRO IT...
HEADED TO CALCUTTA... MARKED "BRICK" AND "WOOD"...? CODEWORDS TO INDICATE WEAPONS...

I'LL LOOK FOR THE RECORD OVER HERE
YES, I'LL START WITH THESE SHELVES
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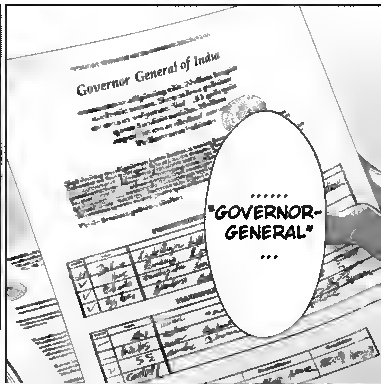
THIS IS A GOOD GUN.
AS EXPECTED FROM HERDER
THAT'S NOT IT...
EH?
AND I'M STARTING TO SEE WHO'S BEHIND THIS.
DON'T FRET, IT HAS TO BE HERE...
THIS, TOO.. AND THIS...

AND WHO HAS ROUTES TO SEND A LARGE NUMBER OF WEAPONS THROUGH ENEMY TERRITORY.

IT CAN ONLY BE SOMEONE ON-SITE AS THE WAR GOES ON, WHO CAN MAKE OUTRAGEOUS DECISIONS

THINK ABOUT IT.



THE ONE SENDING 'RUSSIAN' GUNS TO THE AFGHAN FORCES AS THE WAR GOES ON
IS NONE OTHER THAN THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, THE VICEROY OF INDIA.
TH-THAT'S ...?
A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL ASKING FOR 500 PLANKS OF WOOD AND 300 BRICKS.
IT HAS TO MEAN THOSE WEAPONS WE SAW EARLIER
THIS MUCH IS CLEAR.
...!!
WHY ...?
THAT'S ...!
WHO KNOWS... I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIS PURPOSE YET.
IT'D BE FASTER TO ASK HIM OURSELVES.

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IF THIS IS TRUE, IT'LL BE A TERRIBLE. .

KUH-

WE'LL THINK ABOUT IT LATER!

INTRUDERS !!

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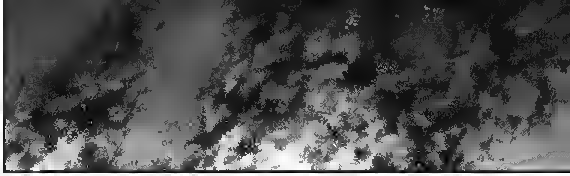
WE HAVE ONE MINUTE TO WITH-DRAW!!!
YES !!
JUMP IN THE SEA!!
IT'S GONNA EXPLODE !!
THEY RAN TO THE BACK!! DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!!

POWDER
No 1
SMOKELESS
SHOT GUN
NO FIRES



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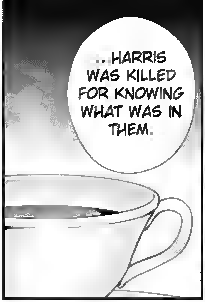
TO THINK THE VICEROY IS THE MASTER-MIND...

TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH.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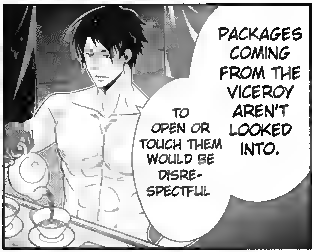
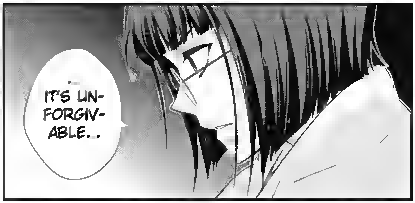
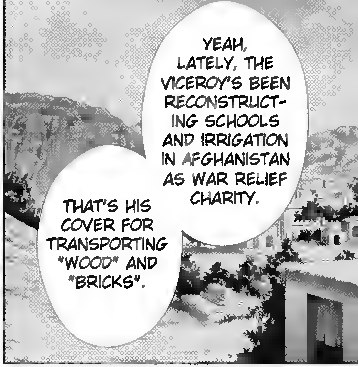

PACKAGES COMING FROM THE VICEROY AREN'T LOOKED INTO.
TO OPEN OR TOUCH THEM WOULD BE DISRE-SPECTFUL


IT'S UN-FORGIV-ABLE..

...
"CHARITY"
...?

THE ONLY MYSTERY LEFT... HOW WAS HE WAS MOVING ALL THOSE WEAPONS?
THERE'S A HINT ABOUT IT IN THIS RECORD...

AFGHAN TROOPS ANYWHERE CAN RECEIVE SUPPLIES DIRECTLY, AND REGROUP IMMEDIATELY...
I SEE...
IT'S A BIG THREAT TO THE INDIAN ARMY...!


YEAH, LATELY, THE VICEROY'S BEEN RECONSTRUCTING SCHOOLS AND IRRIGATION IN AFGHANISTAN AS WAR RELIEF CHARITY.
THAT'S HIS COVER FOR TRANSPORTING "WOOD" AND "BRICKS".

WAS THE MOVE TO THE MARSHES BECAUSE OF THIS...?
IF HE CAN SKILFULLY CONTROL THE STRENGTH AND MORALE OF THE INDIAN AND AFGHAN TROOPS THIS WAY, THE WAR WILL GO ON.

I'LL CONTACT 'M' IMMEDIATELY!
...THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED!

IS THE STATE OF A WAR SOMETHING THAT CAN BE CHANGED AT WHIM, USING ONLY THE QUANTITY OF WEAPONS...?
A SEESAW GAME FOR CONTROL ...?

WHY, THIS IS... WE STIRRED UP A HORNET'S NEST, ONLY TO AWAKEN A SLEEPING LION, AS IT WERE HA HA HA...

IS THIS A LAUGHING MATTER?!

OHHH.

THE VICE-ROY, EH?

IN THAT SENSE, HIS SLIGHTLY EXTREME LEANINGS MEAN LONDON IS DISAGREEABLE TO HIM. BUT HIS POST AS THE VICEROY MEANS...

I KNOW THAT...

I'M JUST CON-FIRM-ING.

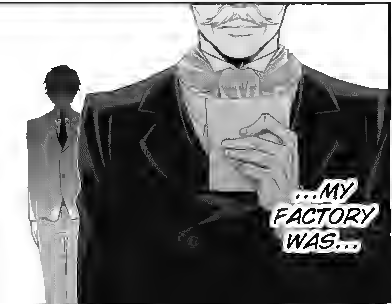
HIS EXCELLENCY GRAHAM DUN-DERDALE, DUKE OF DUNDERDALE, IS A RELATION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA'S GRAND-UNCLE.

AN ADVOCATE OF OUR IMPERIAL EXPANSION, AND A PROMINENT AND CON-TROVERSIAL FIGURE.

OF COURSE.

ONLY A DISTANT RELATION, BUT STILL ROYALTY .. BIG GAME
THAT'S FINE BY ME.

CALCUTTA BRITISH INDIA
GOVERN-MENT HOUSE


...MY FACTORY WAS...

TO DRAG THE WHOLE WORLD INTO A GREAT WAR.

IN TODAY'S WORLD, THE FALL OF A SINGLE COUNTRY IS ENOUGH

FOR THAT SITUATION NOT TO OCCUR...

...THE DEED OF SOMEONE LIVING BACK HOME... IN PEACE ...?

DO THEY NOT UNDER-STAND YET?

RIGHT NOW, MY COUNTRY MUST NOT LOSE ITS FANGS.

I AM THE REAL PATRIOT HERE...!

GO TO INDIA.
ELIMINATE THE DUKE OF DUNDER-DALE!
THOUGH HE IS A DUKE, ORDERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN.
THIS WAS DECIDED BY WHITEHALL AND THE QUEEN.
THE TRUTH BEHIND HARRIS' DEATH WAS FOUND, AND THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS WAS DESTROYED.
THE NEXT STEP IS TO ELIMINATE THE SOURCE.
ズキン...
PAIN IN THE RIGHT HAND...
NEXT TIME, PAST AND PRESENT ENTWINE!
YUUKOKU NO MORIARTY — TO BE CONTINUED IN SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE

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SCANS
SPECIAL THANKS TO
THE SOLITARY HOBBYIST AND
SINEYA
FOR OFFERING THEIR HELP
WITH THIS PROJECT
WE MIGHT NOT UPDATE AS FAST
AS BEFORE BUT WE ARE
WORKING HARD TO GET YOU
BETTER AND CLEANER
TRANSLATIONS
THANK YOU FOR
FOLLOWING US